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FOR: WATER-BASED INK :

RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of July 31, 2007, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Claims 1-3 and 5-17 remain active in this application.

The claimed invention is directed to a water-based ink comprising an aqueous dispersion of polymer particles of a water-insoluble polymer having an alkyl group of at least 20-30 carbon atoms on its side chain and an acid value of 30-120 mgKOH/g and a hydrophobic dye.

Applicant wishes to thank examiner Shosho for the helpful and courteous discussion held with his U.S. representative on September 13, 2007. At that time, applicant's U.S. representative argued that, in spite of the break out of "low cut", "mid cut" and "high cut" alkyl (meth)acrylates, the disclosure of Gore et al. was still a generic disclosure of C<sub>1-24</sub> alky